

Finances, Meyerdorf

December 1913 - May 1914

December 29th, 1913.

Dr. Brimrose

Faculty of Medicine

University of Toronto

Dear Dr. Brimrose:

Many thanks for your letter, enclosing \$15.00 from Dr. Watson, Dr. Rudolf, and yourself. I am forwarding to Mr. Nevin a cheque for \$25.00, which I think would be a pretty good contribution from our section. Doubtless they ran into large expense by reason of the number of their invited guests.

With the compliments of the Season, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.

ADDRESS REPLY *6-13-14*
TO DR. PRIMROSE
FACULTY OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

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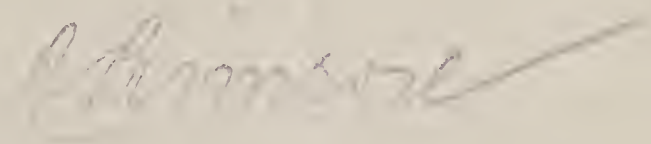
Toronto, Canada, January 6th, 1914.

President Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

At the last meeting of the Council of the
Faculty of Medicine it was determined to recommend that Dr.
A. D. A. Mason be appointed Demonstrator in Dental Surgery
for Session 1913-1914.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

January 13th, 1914

Dr. Primrose,

Secretary, Faculty of Medicine,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dr. Primrose:

The Secretary of the Hospital Board of St. Michael's has asked me to appoint two representatives from our Faculty of Medicine to meet two of the members of their medical advisory board. I have nominated the Dean and yourself, and I have asked the St. Michael's people to meet us in the Faculty Room of the Medical Building on Friday afternoon at five o'clock. Can you be there?

Yours sincerely,

President.

Expenses incurred by Dr. A. B. Macallum in attending the Conference in Montreal, representing McGill and Toronto Medical Faculties:-

To Montreal and return	\$16.70
Half of Sleeping Compartment	3.00
Gratuities to Porter	.25
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Cab in Montreal	.50
Gratuities to Porter	.25
	\$23.70

Certified correct.

A. B. Macallum
Admin

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Toronto, Canada, March 12th, 1914.

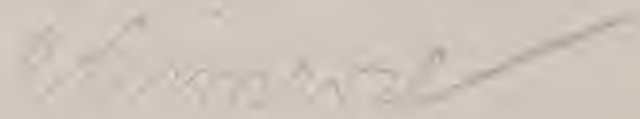
The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

I am sending to you enclosed herewith a certified account from Professor A. B. Macallum, covering his expenses in connection with attending the Conference with McGill University.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

C O P Y

April 20th, 1914.

Sir Edmund Osler,
The Homestead,
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Virginia.

Dear Sir Edmund:-

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Please forgive the liberty I take in thus writing to you personally but I know how greatly it would be appreciated if you could see your way clear to suggest some way out of our difficulties.

I am, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

A. PRIMROSE.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION 12 TO 2 P.M.
TELEPHONE NORTH 1655

100 COLLEGE STREET,
TORONTO.

April 22nd, 1914.

Sir Edmund Walker,
99 St. George St.,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund:-

I enclose herein copy of a letter which I wrote to Sir Edmund Osler on Monday as he is at present at Hot Springs, Virginia.

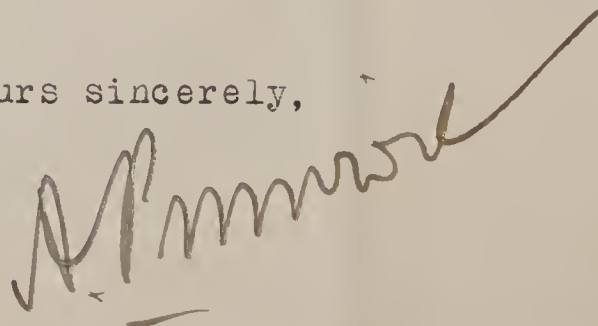
I am greatly exercised lest Professor Brodie should leave us and I cannot see any other way of retaining him than that suggested in my letter. I have no doubt you are aware of the situation but I thought I might take the liberty of presenting the scheme which I have suggested to you to see whether or not you thought it feasible to act along these lines. I may say that Mr. Leonard of St. Catharines was in Toronto last evening and he told me that he would be glad to help to some extent in the manner I have suggested, provided it is possible to secure the necessary amount.

I trust I am not taking too much liberty in writing to you regarding the matter.

I should be glad to come and see you personally at any time or place you would suggest if you would care to have me do so.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



23rd April 1914

Confidential

Dear Dr Primrose:

University

I have your letter of the 22nd instant. I of course know through the President of the possibility of our losing Professor Brodie. Doubtless this would be a very serious loss indeed, but I may say confidentially that it looks as if it would be difficult to avoid it. We are at a critical moment in the history of the University, and a departure from our previous practice by paying more than the present maximum salary is practically impossible. Those who are generously disposed towards the University have been taxed to the utmost in connection with the hospital, and also for funds for medical research. The financial situation of the world is so overcast at the moment, and the special difficulties of the University as a whole are so great, that I perhaps may be taking too gloomy a view of the possibility of doing anything in Dr Brodie's case.

Yours sincerely

Dr A. Primrose
100 College Street
Toronto

May 4th, 1914.

Mr. R. W. Leonard,
St. Catharines,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Leonard:-

Since writing you on April 20th, and with reference also to our subsequent interview, I would like to state that I have been in communication with different individuals concerning the Brodie situation.

The general consensus of opinion appears to be that it would be unwise to raise Professor Brodie's salary as Professor of Physiology because other members of the staff might feel that they should obtain equal remuneration. It has been suggested, however, that Professor Brodie might obtain some additional remuneration for services in another direction.

I suggested to the President in discussing the matter with him, that Professor Brodie might obtain some emolument as "Director of the Experimental Laboratory". He would certainly be the ideal individual to place in that responsible position when the laboratories are in commission, and in fact at the present moment he is assuming responsibility for certain experimental work which is being done by some of my juniors on the surgical staff.

It is proposed to provide and equip these laboratories in the present Medical Building at an approximate cost of \$10,000, and I think that this expenditure can be financed through the University, *even* if it is necessary to provide say five per cent interest on the capital invested. We have felt very sorely the need of such laboratories during the past few years and it was in connection with the scheme to provide such equipment that I first spoke to you more than a year ago.

The proposal in the meantime is to offer Professor Brodie some emolument as director of these experimental laboratories. The President thinks that we should provide at least \$1000 for this purpose. Personally I am of opinion that \$1500 might secure Professor Brodie to us for the future, whilst if we were in a position to offer him merely \$1000 he might feel it his duty to accept the larger emolument at Liverpool and therefore I am now writing to suggest that we secure if possible the sum of \$1500 for this purpose.

I have written to Sir Edmund Walker, Mr. Lash and Sir Edmund Osler on the subject. The result of my correspondence has been that Sir Edmund Osler has promised to contribute "to a reasonable extent" and you have likewise kindly offered to help. I do not

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think that I can obtain assistance for this purpose from others excepting from these two sources, namely yourself and Sir Edmund Osler. If, therefore, you could see your way clear to contribute to this object and if the result is to retain Professor Brodie's services, I feel that your action in this regard will be very greatly appreciated by all my colleagues.

I stated in my former communication that Professor Brodie had to take action by the first of May and he therefore lodged a formal application for Liverpool at that date but it is understood that he will withdraw his application if he decides to remain with us.

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Professor Brodie sails on the 14th inst. and it will be necessary to be in a position to offer him the additional emolument of \$1500 before he sails. On arrival in England he will consult with his wife regarding the situation as he naturally feels that he cannot decide the matter finally before talking the matter over with her. He will then cable his decision to the University authorities here in order that no time will be lost, - because in the event of our losing his services we would want as much time as possible to find a successor.

I would therefore be personally very grateful to you if you would let me hear from you at an early date and I should very much like to come and see you at any point you may suggest if I might do so in order that I might discuss the situation with you.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 15th, 1914.

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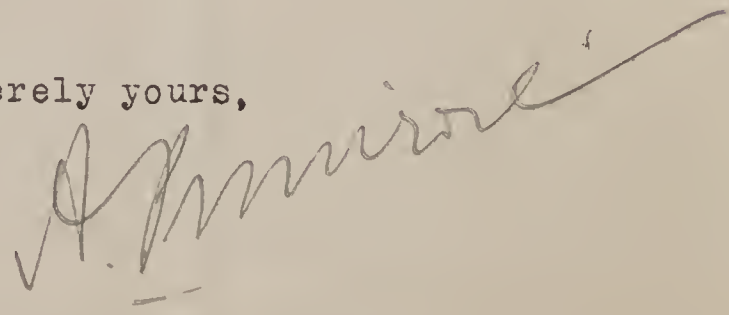
Dear Mr. President:-

I enclose herein the copy
of a letter from Mr. Leonard and another from Sir Edmund
Osler regarding the contributions which they have promised
to the fund in connection with the laboratories over which
it is proposed to give Professor Brodie the directorship.

I may say that Mr. Leonard stated to me over the
telephone that he would be willing to provide one-half of
the \$1000 (that is \$500.) which it was proposed to provide
as an additional emolument to Professor Brodie.
On the first opportunity of meeting Mr. Leonard I will ask
him to confirm this promise and will further suggest that he
would at least agree to the terms which Sir Edmund Osler
has laid down in promising to provide the necessary amount
for three successive years.

I am greatly delighted that we were able to assure
Professor Brodie before he left Toronto that the necessary
amount had been secured.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Munroe", written in dark ink.

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C O P Y

21 Jordan Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Dr. A. Primrose,
100 College St.,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Primrose:-

Your letter of the 4th inst.

I received on my return from Hot Springs.

I can quite understand that it would not be wise to raise any one professor's salary, as it would be sure to create a feeling among other professors. The plan you suggest seems to be rather a simple one in regard to Professor Brodie. You evidently want \$1500.00 and I will be glad to agree to contribute \$750.00 for three years if Professor Brodie's services can be retained.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) EDMUND B. OSLER.

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C O P Y

Springbank,

St. Catharines, Ont.

11th May, 1914.

Dear Doctor Primrose:-

I beg to acknowledge yours
of the 4th instant, received on my return home.

You may count on me for one year for
one-third of the additional amount necessary, provided
it does not exceed the fifteen hundred dollars which
you mention as being sufficient to ensure keeping
Dr. Brodie in this country.

I think the arrangement as now proposed
is much preferable to your former ideas.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R.W. Leonard.

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Z.A.Lash, Esq., K.C.
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Dear Mr. Lash:-

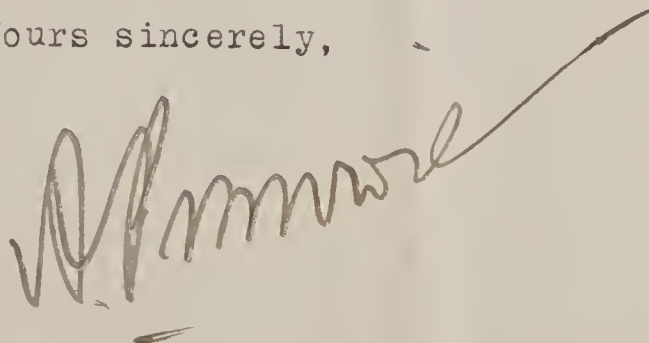
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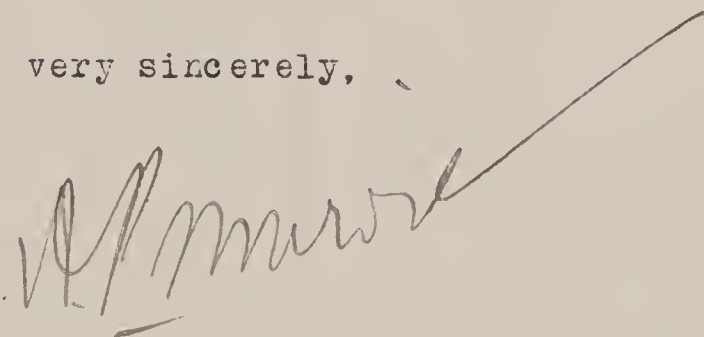
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Brodie situation.

I have sent a letter almost identical to Sir Edmund
Osler. In the latter I have merely omitted references to
former conversations which I have had with Mr. Leonard on the
subject.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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